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<b>Application Title</b>	METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ALLOCATING AND DE-ALLOCATING CONSECUTIVE BLOCKS OF MEMORY IN BACKGROUND MEMORY MANAGEMENT		
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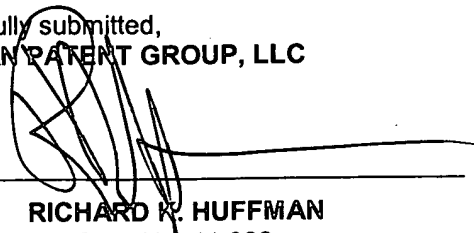
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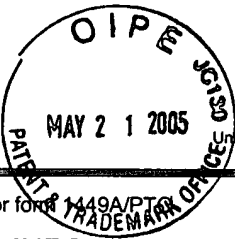
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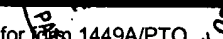
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